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SUBJECT: COCOA -- MEETING OF ICCO STATISTICS COMMITTEE

RLF: STATE 294974

1. INTERNATIONAL COCOA ORGANIZATION (ICCO) STATISTICS  
COMMITTEE MET MARCH 15, ARRIVED AT FOLLOWING PRODUCTION  
AND GRINDING FIGURES:

COCOA BEAN

PRODUCTION GRINDINGS

1974/75:

(REVISED) 1549 1468

1975/76: 1466 1484

2. SINCE DATA IN REFTTEL FOR US GRINDINGS PROVIDED ON  
CALENDAR YEAR RATHER THAN CROP YEAR BASIS, COMMITTEE  
DECIDED TO ADJUST US SUBMISSION AS FOLLOWS:

1974/75: 1975 US FIGURE OF 206.7 METRIC TONS

ADJUSTED TO 196.0 METRIC TONS

1975/76: 1976 US FORECAST OF 225.0 TONS ADJUSTED

TO 200.0 TONS

3. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN CUTTLER (UK) REQUESTED US  
OBSERVER TO MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO OBTAIN US DATA ON  
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CROP YEAR BASIS IN FUTURE. HE NOTED IMPORTANCE OF US

TO OVERALL EXERCISE AND PREFERABILITY OF US ESTIMATE TO SECRETARIAT ADJUSTMENT (THIS MORE IMPORTANT IN CASE OF FORECAST, WHICH ENTAILS JUDGEMENT FACTOR, THAN REVISED PAST YEAR ESTIMATES WHICH NORMALLY CAN BE CALCULATED ON BASIS OF PUBLISHED DATA).

4. FORECAST SUGGESTS TIGHT MARKET FOR BALANCE OF 1975/76 CROP YEAR. MARCH 16 FINANCIAL TIMES NOTES THAT DUE PRIMARILY TO DIFFERING PRODUCTION ESTIMATES ICCO DATA ARE AT "SHARP VARIANCE" WITH GILL AND DUFFUS (AND USDA) PROJECTIONS OF AN EASIER MARKET.

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